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SUBJ: LOCAL REACTIONS TO ALLEGED MOZAMBIQUE MASSACRES

CAETANO VISIT TO LONDON

1. AFTER COUPLE OF DAYS FAILURE TO REPORT ALLEGED MASSACRES LUANDA PRESS BELATEDLY BROKE STORY AND IS NOW GIVING FULL PLAY TO LATEST DEVELOPMENTS, ESPECIALLY NEGATIVE REPORTS BEING FILED FROM MOZAMBIQUE BY VISITING FOREIGN NEWSMEN, OF WHOM BRUCE LOUDON OF DAILY TELEGRAPH STAR PERFORMER.

2. LOCAL REACTION FROM CIVILIAN SECTOR SEEMS TO BE MIXTURE OF DISINTEREST ("WE KNOW ALL ABOUT MASSACRES - NOTHING COMPARES TO UIGE IN 1961") AND GENERAL CONVICTION THAT STORY WAS CLUMSY FABRICATION BY LEFTWING FOREIGN CLERGYMEN WHO SO LACKING IN WIT AND ORGANIZATIONAL TALENT THEY EVEN FAILED TO CLEAR IT IN ADVANCE WITH FRELIMO'S PROPAGANDA APARATUS.

3. BRITISH CONGEN APPEARS TO SHARE THIS ASSESSMENT. UNDER INSTRUCTIONS HE CALLED ON GOVERNMENT TO EXPLAIN HMG DESIRE TO DISASSOCIATE ITSELF ENTIRELY FROM TIMES ARTICLE AND OTHER

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POLITICAL EFFORTS IN BRITAIN TO MONKEYWRENCH CAETANO'S

VISIT TO LONDON. (HE COMMENTED WRYLY THWT ONE POSITIVE EFFECT OF INCIDENT MIGHT BE TO DESTROY ONCE AND FOR ALL POPULAR BELIEF ABROAD THAT TIMES IS INFALLIBLE AND/OR SPEAKS FOR HMG.)

4. AS FOR CAETANO VISIT, LOCAL PRESS EXUBERANT ABOUT HIS STAY IN LONDON, CUMMULATIVE IMPACT OF WHICH IS TO GIVE IMPRESSION OF OVERWHELMING OFFICIAL AND MAJORITY POPULAR SUPPORT IN UK FOR HIS PRESENCE AND DURABILITY OF 600 YEAR OLD LUSO-BRITISH ALLIANCE.

5. ONLY POPULAR DEMONSTRATION IN ANGOLA TO REPUDIATE MASSACRE STORY SO FAR WAS IN REMOTE SERPA PINTO. LUANDA MAY WELL EMULATE LM AND LISBON (ON CAETANO'S RETURN), EVENTUALLY.  
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